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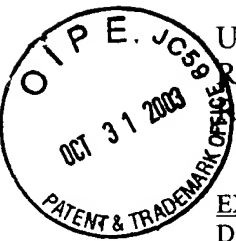
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned Application, having a statutory period for response set to expire November 2, 2003. Please amend this Application as follows:

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Authorization** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**AUTHORIZATION**

Applicant believes that no further government fees are due for amendments made to this Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary additional fees associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4553. A duplicate copy of this Response and Amendment is enclosed for deposit account purposes.

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